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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Any contribution or help from the public will be welcome but no definite date can be given now."

Varaganadhi Reservoir.

* 279 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when the work of the Varaganadhi reservoir will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Gauging of the river flows will have to be taken over a period of years before any scheme can be formulated."

Uniforms to the drivers and conductors of Government Bus Transport.

* 280 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of sets of dresses that are supplied to the drivers and conductors working in the Government Transport buses per year;

(b) when the last supply was made; and

(c) whether the new supplies will be in Khadi or in handloom cloth?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Two sets of uniforms are supplied annually to the drivers and conductors working in the Government Bus Service.

" (b) The last supply was made during the period March to September 1951. The supply due for 1952 commenced in December and is expected to be completed before the end of March 1953.

" (c) The new uniforms are supplied from jail-made cloth."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Will the Government consider the question of supplying uniforms in handloom cloth? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The jail cloth is a variety of handloom cloth."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that the drivers and conductors are not wearing uniforms to-day? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Conductors have been supplied with uniforms already and drivers will be supplied in another month."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" From the reply given by the Hon. the Minister, it appears that the supply due for 1952 has not been made. Will it be made this year in the account of 1952 or will it be taken over to the account of 1953? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I presume the supply has already started in November and it naturally will have to be debited to the 1952 account."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Will the supplies for the year 1953 be made in the year 1953 itself or will be continued in 1954 also?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I hope to complete the supplies in 1953."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the uniform of drivers be recast so as to make it attractive?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The general impression is that the present uniform is very attractive."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" At present the uniforms offered to conductors and drivers are supplied in a wholesale fashion. They are all cut to one size and supplied to them which when worn look very embarrassing for the drivers and conductors. Will the Government, therefore, consider the desirability of supplying only cloth to them and pay them stitching charges so that they may cut the cloth according to their sizes and wear the uniforms tidily?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government consider that the method of supplying uniforms as at present would be more economical than what the hon. Member suggests."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Is there not a representation from the staff that they should be supplied with only cloth and that they are prepared even to forgo the stitching charges? They are prepared to pay the charges themselves instead of subjecting themselves to this inconvenience."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of any representation."

Field labour co-operative societies, Guntur district.

* 281 *Q.*—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU (on behalf of Sri Pragada Kotaiah): Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative tenants', field labour and depressed classes' societies working in both Guntur and Bapatla Circles in Guntur district;

(*b*) the total acreage of lands given on lease for temporary cultivation to the societies;

(*c*) whether the Government intend to assign those lands to the societies and, if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bapatla, in his letter, dated 21st November 1951, has requested the Government to appoint special staff for the